



# COLLEGE REPORT

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One cannot talk of maintaining a climate of freedom on our college and university campuses without, at the same time, dealing with the question of who controls them. It is an old saying, but "he who pays the piper calls the tune." But in our American colleges and universities this is by no means as true as most people seem to think. While a graduate student, I cooperated on a study of the great financial gifts to American colleges and universities during the period between the Civil War and

Pearl Harbor and discovered that seven out of ten philanthropists clearly stated their desires that their money be used to promote vocation as opposed to liberal education. In one way or another, however, colleges or universities established with these monies managed to divert the funds to other purposes. Stanford University constitutes a case in point. Senator Stanford originally planned an institution in which agriculture and commercial subjects would be dominant, but David Starr

Jordan, its first president, educated him and Mrs. Stanford to a different conception of the kind of university to be developed. SIMILARLY, in his will Paul Tulane made the strong suggestion that his bequest be used for vocational education, but the board of trustees to which he left his money disregarded his expressed, but legally unsupported, wish and endowed the institution that became Tulane University. Private donors have great influence upon colleges and universities, but they are not all-powerful. Nor do legislatures have as complete freedom to determine the policies and programs of state universities as it may appear. In the seven states that have constitutional state universities, for example, the legislatures can starve the universities, but they cannot control them. To illustrate: one of these seven constitutional state

universities, the University of Michigan, has successfully rejected funds appropriated by the legislature because the board of regents did not wish to undertake the educational programs for which the funds were voted. . . . IN A 1928 decision, the Supreme Court of Minnesota stated the principle that applies to all the constitutional state universities. The management of the university, it ruled, stands "beyond the dangers of vacillating policy, ill formed or careless meddling and partisan ambition that would be possible in the case of management by either legislature or executive, chosen at frequent intervals." These seven constitutional state universities — and the University of California is one of the number — are constitutional corporations independent both of the legislature and executive

branches of state government "except as a law of the regents might conflict with the police power of the state." The other state universities of the country have varying degrees of independence from the executive and legislative branches of government. Constitutional provisions and judicial decisions give the governing boards of these state universities rights which legislatures cannot invade except by abolishing the universities. In short, boards of regents have large powers to govern state universities which limit the tune-calling ability of legislatures. . . . ALL OF THIS means that in operational fact boards of regents — or, as they are more frequently called, boards of trustees — control colleges and universities. But even this statement must be hedged because two other groups during the

# Ask Abolition of Five Committees

Supervisor Kenneth Hahn said today he will suggest five more county committees be abolished because they are not accomplishing anything. They are: • The 10-member Election Devices Committee. (Voting devices - the IBM Votomatic — have already been acquired and are being used in Los Angeles County.) • The Intergovernmental Board to Coordinate Civic Center Parking. (This 15-member board, composed mainly of city and county employees, has not met since April 2, 1965.) • Special Study Committee on Sale of First Street Property. (The issue is settled. The committee has served its purpose.) • Special Fact - Finding Committee on Air Pollution. (No report has been submitted by this committee, there is no record that it has met.) • Greater Los Angeles Voluntary Intergovernmental Cooperation Committee. (Formed in 1963, there is no record of this committee meeting for at least three years. Some members no longer hold the elected office which qualified them for membership.) Hahn said he will propose abolishing these committees and commissions at today's Board of Supervisors' meeting.

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